

Netherlands & Belgium: Continuing the Evolution

OTC wishes to acknowledge the leadership of Chapter Presidents Arie van Vugt of the Netherlands, and William De Groot of Belgium.

First to transform to "OTC" Chapters, both the Netherlands and Belgium have legally changed their names to "OTC".

As communicated prior, a 3-year time frame is set for all Chapters to make formal changes in name and organizational structure.

The objective is to assure independence and harmonize the structure of all OTC Chapters.

ITS – Sydney & Barcelona

OTC looks forward to a grand intellectual exchange and collegial debate - along with deepening friendships - during our upcoming ITS in Sydney on February 15-16, and again in Barcelona on April 3-4. For further information see:

www.itssydney.com, or
www.itsbarcelona.com.

OTC Email

Next month OTC Staff will begin using our new format for E-mail:

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Upper Extremities Course

On December 13-14 over 40 Delegates from more than 9 countries attended our UE Course. Course Director O. Trapp (Murnau) with support from UK and German Faculty held both classroom and hands-on workshops, and included ample time for developing and renewing friendships.



Course Director O. Trapp (R) with
M. Robinson (L) & V. Buehren

AGM & Leadership Forum

Each Chapter will soon be contacted to confirm participation in our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Leadership Forum in Nice from June 26-28.

Promising to again deliver a lively debate, the Program as outlined by Chairman Emil Schemitsch (Toronto), includes:

- Polytrauma Management,
- Upper Extremity Trauma, &
- Periprosthetic Fractures.

Watch for the Agenda in February.

From the Director

Along with the New Year, a new OTC Team arrives!

Caroline Raphoz: with both French and Swiss Law Degrees, Caroline is the Administrator for OTC and the Research Program.

Richard Helmer, PhD: a German engineer with a career in management at the World Health Organization (WHO), Richard is Research Program Manager.

Alexandra Marchetti: a very personable UK national, "Alex" is our new Education Program Manager.

Christa Butzbach: German by birth, Christa formerly managed clinical studies and is now our Events Coordinator at the TCI.

We look forward to working with you in 2008!

Peter Illig

Executive Director

Our Mission is to advance osteosynthesis and trauma care through research, education and best clinical practices.

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